Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Scientific and Technical cooperation in the field of meteorological and upper atmospheric research using space techniques signed on January 18, 1989.

(c) Under the agreements with USSR a contract for launching of IRS-IB Satellite with Soviet launch vehicle has recently been concluded. For the investigations of space meteorology, regular weekly launches of Soviet M-100 and Indian sounding rockets are being continued for atleast 3 more years. A major outcome of the Indo-French Collaboration is the completion of transfer of VIKING liquid engine technology to ISRO in return for ISRO supplying Pressure Transducers to France.

(d) No separate agreement has been signed with China exclusively for collaboration in Space.

Export of Aircraft by HAL

1368. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has a plan to export its aircraft;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have exported aircraft made by H.A.L. in 1987-88; and

(d) if so, the details of such exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited is negotiating export proposals for trainer aircraft HPT-32 and HTT-34 and Light Transport Aircraft Dornier-228 with a few friedly countries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of Electronic Equipment by Industrial Houses

1369. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large industrial houses are being allowed to produce electronic equipment connected with defence; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Defence related electronic equipments which are allowed for the Civil Sector in terms of Government's Industrial Policy, *viz.* electronic measuring instruments, systems/sub-systems required for communication equipments, computers/computer peripherals etc. are purchased based on competitive tenders. In such purchases, the nature of ownership of the company is not a factor in the selection of the source(s).

The names of some of the firms reported to be under the control of large industrial houses who have secured orders for electronic equipment connected with Defence are furnished below:—

1. UNITRON
2. Philips India Ltd.
3. English Electric Company
4. Tata Electric Company

Financial Assistance to Voluntary Organisations running Hospitals

1370. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give financial assistance to voluntary organisations which are running hospitals for improvement thereof;

(b) whether Government have received requests from voluntary organisations for financial assistance under this scheme;

(c) if so, the details of the organisations which have sought financial assistance; and

(d) the organisations which have been granted assistance alongwith the amount of assistance sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) There are various schemes under which assistance is provided either for improving existing facilities or for creating new facilities. The two main schemes under which voluntary organisations are financed are called—Special Health Scheme for Rural Areas and Scheme for Improvement of Medical Services. The salient features of the two schemes are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

A very large number of applications are received and the Central Government considers only those applications which are recommended by the State Governments. During 1987-88, 32 organisations and during the current financial year 19 voluntary organisations have been provided financial assistance of varying amounts ranging from Rs. 70,000 to Rs. 6.00 lakhs.

Statement

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(Department of Health)

SUBJECT: *Schemes for providing grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations.*

Two main schemes for providing grants-in-aid to voluntary organisations in the field of medical care are as under:—

(i) Scheme for Improvement of Medical Services.

(ii) Special Health Scheme for Rural Areas

The grants of non-recurring nature only are given under the two schemes. The salient features and budget provision made for these schemes are given below:—

(i) *Scheme for Improvement of Medical Services*:

The grants under this scheme are given to those voluntary organisations which are running hospitals in rural areas or in urban areas but catering to high density urban slums only. The grants are given for the following purposes:—

(a) purchase of costly essential equipment such as X-Ray Machine, ambulance, operation theatre equipment etc.

(b) for additional construction for expansion of hospital facilities.

A grant not exceeding Rs. 2.00 lakhs only is admissible to an institution in a year and grant is given generally once in three years.

A budget provision of Rs. 35.00 lakhs only for the year 1988-89 has been agreed to by the Planning Commission.

(ii) *Special Health Scheme for Rural Areas*:

Under this scheme, grant is available for setting up of a hospital in rural areas, with a maximum bed strength of thirty. The grant is given primarily for purchase of land, construction of hospital building, operation theatre, dwelling units, purchase of essential hospital equipment etc. The Central Government, the State Government and the institution contribute in the following proportion under this scheme:—

(a) *Construction (other than residential accommodation) and equipment*

Central Government . .	40%
State Government . . .	40%
Institution	20%

(b) *Construction-residential accommodation*

Central Government . .	50%
State Government . .	35%
Institution	15%

A budgset provision of Rs. 15.02 lakhs only for the year 1988-89 has been agreed to by the Planning Commission for this scheme.

1371. [*Transferred to the 10th March, 1989*]

Amount earmarked by Public Sector Units for Family Welfare Programme

1372. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what amount is earmarked by various public sector units as an incentive to family welfare programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): The Public Sector Enterprises under the Central Government at present do not report to the Ministry of Industry, Bureau of Public Enterprises the amount earmarked or expenditure incurred by them exclusively on Family Welfare activities. However, the Public Sector Enterprises do promote Family Welfare Programme by way of incentives such as grant of special increment, special leave facilities, concessional rate on House Building Advance etc. In addition, they also incur expenditure on conducting clinics|camps, maintenance and updating of registers of eligible couples, giving support to the local Collector and PHC staff etc. They do undertake programmes for dissemination of information on the advantages of small family norm and the expenses incurred thereon cannot be quantified.

Vacant posts of Staff Nurses in Government hospitals in the capital

1373. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of posts of Staff nurses have been lying vacant in Government Hospitals in the Capital;

(b) if so, the number of posts lying vacant and since when in each Hospital;

(c) whether Government propose to fill all such vacancies for better functioning of the Government hospitals; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indigenously Built Aircraft Carrier for Indian Navy

1374. SHRI RAOOF VALLIULLAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering an indigenously built aircraft carrier, if so, whether Indian Navy has been asked to design the vessel;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Cochin Shipyard Limited has been identified for the purpose and when will the order be placed; and

(c) whether Government have considered acquisition of second hand vessel in preference to indigenously built aircraft carrier and its comparative cost, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) A contract has been signed with M/s. SOFMA of France for the Concept Design Study of a Sea Control Ship for the Indian Navy. The feasibility and cost of indigenous construction of the ship require the completion of these studies.

(c) No such proposal is there at present. Comparative costs cannot be worked out at this stage.